

2011-2012 HEALTH PROFILES

Other Central American Ethnic Group (Costa Rican, Honduran, Nicaraguan, Panamanian)

The following profile provides data on key health topics for the 245,000 Other Central American adults (ages 18 and over) in California. Estimates are based on the 2011-2012 California Health Interview Survey (CHIS).¹

	Other Central American	Latino Overall	California
Demographics	%	%	%
Age 18-64	91.7	92.3	84.2
Age 65 and over	8.4	7.7	15.8
Adults with income less than 200% FPL ²	57.8	58.2	35.9
Access and Utilization	% (95% CI)	% (95% CI)	% (95% CI)
Uninsured all or part year (age 18-64)	40.5† (30.4 - 50.5)	38.6 (36.9 - 40.2)	26.6 (25.7 - 27.4)
Employment-based insurance, all year (age 18-64)	34.7 (25.0 - 44.4)	36.3 (34.7 - 37.9)	50.6 (49.7 - 51.5)
Medi-Cal, all year (age 18-64)	14.8 (7.6 - 21.9)	17.4 (16.1 - 18.7)	11.6 (11.0 - 12.2)
Other coverage, all year (age 18-64) ³	10.0 (2.9 - 17.2)	7.7 (6.9 - 8.6)	11.3 (10.7 - 11.8)
No usual source of health care ⁴	22.1 (13.7 - 30.5)	25.5 (24.1 - 26.9)	17.6 (16.9 - 18.2)
Delayed getting prescription drugs or medical services in past year	26.1 (17.6 - 34.7)	20.8 (19.6 - 22.1)	21.5 (20.9 - 22.2)

† Estimate should be interpreted with caution because it is either unstable (coefficient of variation ≥ 40%) or it has a wide confidence interval (> 20%)

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Health Outcomes	% (95% CI)	% (95% CI)	% (95% CI)
Serious psychological distress in the past year ⁵	9.2 (3.3 - 15.0)	8.8 (7.9 - 9.6)	7.9 (7.5 - 8.4)
Fair or poor health ⁶	23.4 (15.9 - 31.0)	27.5 (26.1 - 28.9)	19.4 (18.8 - 20.0)
Current asthma ⁷	9.6 (2.7 - 16.5)	5.5 (4.8 - 6.1)	7.7 (7.3 - 8.1)
Ever diagnosed with diabetes ⁸	9.3 (5.1 - 13.5)	9.9 (9.0 - 10.8)	8.4 (7.9 - 8.8)
Obese ⁹	27.5 (19.5 - 35.6)	32.6 (31.1 - 34.0)	24.8 (24.1 - 25.5)
Ever diagnosed with high blood pressure	24.6 (17.4 - 31.8)	23.9 (22.6 - 25.2)	27.3 (26.6 - 27.9)
Health Behaviors	% (95% CI)	% (95% CI)	% (95% CI)
Engaged in regular walking in the past week ¹⁰	32.9 (23.7 - 42.2)	34.8 (33.3 - 36.3)	33.3 (32.5 - 34.1)
Ate fruits and vegetables 3 or more times yesterday ¹¹	22.1 (14.3 - 30.0)	21.4 (20.1 - 22.7)	27.2 (26.5 - 27.9)
Current smoker ¹²	13.8 (6.3 - 21.4)	12.3 (11.2 - 13.3)	13.8 (13.2 - 14.3)
Binge drinking ¹³	32.7 (23.3 - 42.2)	32.5 (31.0 - 34.1)	31.1 (30.3 - 31.8)
Other Factors	% (95% CI)	% (95% CI)	% (95% CI)
Food insecure ¹⁴	29.9 (21.0 - 38.8)	26.8 (25.3 - 28.2)	14.9 (14.3 - 15.6)
Limited English proficiency ¹⁵	52.1 (42.4 - 61.8)	55.8 (54.3 - 57.4)	26.9 (26.2 - 27.7)

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